

Title of Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Young Adults
Acronym: Children of the NLSY79

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Summary of major aims:

In 1986, a separate survey of all children born to NLSY79 female respondents began, greatly expanding the breadth of child-specific information collected. In addition to all the mother's information from the NLSY79, the child survey includes assessments of each child as well as additional demographic and development information collected from either the mother or child. For children aged 10 and older, information has been collected from the children biennially since 1988 on a variety of factors including child-parent interaction, attitudes toward schooling, dating and friendship patterns, religious attendance, health, substance use, and home responsibilities. Biennially (since 1994), children ages 15 and older complete a lengthy child interview modeled on the NLSY79 questionnaire. Information collected includes their schooling, training, work experiences and expectations, health, dating, fertility and marital histories, and household composition.

Study location: United States of America **Start Date:** 1988

Sample:

The child/young adult samples consist of all children born to National Longitudinal Survey of 1979 women.

Age range at first data collection:

Birth to age 14 in 1988

Sex ratio at first data collection:

Types of variables collected:

Age; activities; alcohol, cigarette & drug use; antisocial behavior; attitudes & expectations; child care; dating; employment; education; family background; health; income & assets; maternal employment; parenting; home observation assessment; behavior problems index; motor & social development; training; Wechsler Intelligence Scale for children, PIAT Mathematics & Reading.

Sample size of cohort (i) at baseline: 5,255 (ii) now: (2000) 8,323

Demographic: yes
Social: yes

Physiological yes
 Self-reported health yes
 Health measures yes
 Other data collected yes

Access to data:

Download free at: http://www.nlsinfo.org/ordering/display_db.php3

Order data CD (cost is U.S. \$20) http://www.nlsinfo.org/ordering/display_db.php3

In addition, we would appreciate it if you completed the chart below:

Country:	USA	y	Physiological Measures	y	Psychological Measures
Sample Size:	8,323	y	Functional Health	y	Cognitive Abilities
Age Group:	Birth - 21	n	Lifestyle: Physical Activity	y	Social and Demographic Measures
Gender:	Both	n	Lifestyle: Nutrition	n	Health Services Utilization
# Cohorts:	1	y	Lifestyle: Other		
Total	8	y	Minorities		
Waves:					

FYI: Fill in First Column/ checkmark next two columns. Gender should be M/F/Both